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Mr. Daniel J. Morgado Town Manager Town of Shrewsbury 100 Maple Avenue Shrewsbury, MA 01545 Mr. David P. Forsberg President Worcester Business Development Corp. 339 Main Street, Suite 200 Worcester, MA 01608

Gentlemen:

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is pleased to invite you to submit an application for \$2,000,000 in EDA funds for construction of infrastructure and water tank to develop approximately 84 acres of industrial land in the Town of Shrewsbury, to be known as CenTech Park East. The proposed project, estimated to cost \$4,000,000 will be considered for funding under: (i) the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 3121 *et seq.*), including the comprehensive amendments made by the Economic Development Administration Reauthorization Act of 2004(Pub. L. 108-373); (ii) EDA regulations found at 13 C.F.R. Chapter III; and (iii) the most recently published EDA Federal Funding Opportunity notice, which is available at www.eda.gov.

This invitation in no way guarantees that EDA will approve your application or select your project for investment assistance, since your project will be in competition with many other worthwhile projects. In addition, EDA investment assistance for your project is expressly contingent upon fulfillment of important pre-conditions which are outlined below.

President Bush is committed to ensuring that no community or demographic group is excluded from the opportunity to achieve the American dream. The mission of EDA is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA assists states, units of government, and community nonprofit organizations in economically-distressed areas by supporting their regional economic development efforts that emphasize innovation and entrepreneurship as the essential elements of regional and national competitiveness in the worldwide economy.

How to Apply

Enclosed for your completion is an application package for EDA investment assistance, consisting of an Application for Federal Assistance (Form ED-900A) (the "General Application"), specific application requirements for Section 201, Public Works Program investments (the "Program Application") and other associated information. Please submit one original and three copies of the completed application materials to Mr. John Kuzma, Economic Development Representative for by October 25, 2007. If you cannot meet this deadline, please let Mr. Kuzma know as soon as possible. Failure to meet this deadline or the submission of an incorrect or incomplete application may jeopardize consideration of your proposed project, since EDA generally processes completed applications in the order in which they are received.

Please note the following specific considerations for your project and application:

- Please pay particular attention to preparation of the required exhibits listed in each of the General Application and the Program Application;
- If you have not already done so, you must submit to your State's Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) information about this project, plus maps, drawings, photographs and any previously conducted historical/archeological survey as outlined in the application instructions. Please include copies of both the letter and response in the appropriate exhibit of the application.
- If a state Single Point of Contact review process exists for your state, you should immediately notify the Designated State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to hasten its required review. Instructions for initiating this process appear in the general requirements section of the General Application.
- EDA regulations require a final determination of applicant and project eligibility upon receipt of each application.

Please be aware that this invitation to submit an Application for Federal Assistance is by no means an indication that EDA will approve your request for grant funds. Your Application will be competing for approval with many other worthwhile projects upon the availability of funds.

Please do not hesitate to contact John Kuzma, Economic Development Representative at (215) 597-8797 if you have questions concerning the preparation of the application.

Sincerely,

Paul Matyskiela Acting Regional Director

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